

Rev. Lora Allen is known and respected as an accomplished speaker, motivational leader, teacher and preacher. She is the wife of the Rev. Raymond Allen, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Niagara Falls where she serves as Associate Pastor. Rev. Allen is also the Niagara County Democratic Elections Commissioner, the first African American woman to hold that position in New York State.

Richard Palladino served his country in the United States Navy and continues to serve his community as the business manager of Local 91. A laborer in the construction field for decades, his passionate commitment for all those he represents is indisputable as he strengthened the relationship with the Laborers International Union of North America, as well as local, state and federal officials to ensure Local 91 realizes its full potential. His determination to help others reach their full potential is exemplified by his implementation of training classes and initiation of the Apprentice Program.

Since 1982, Pastor Harvey Kelley has served the members and the ministry of the New Hope Baptist Church of Niagara Falls and will lead the celebration of his Church's 80 years of service in March of 2017. Adding to a distinguished list of accomplishments, Rev. Kelley is a member of the Niagara Ministerial Council and a member of the Board of Directors of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and served in the Urban Ministry Program at Niagara University. He is a former board member of Niagara Community Center, Niagara Falls Chapter of the Red Cross, Niagara Habitat for Humanity, and the Center for the Study and Stabilization of the Black Family, formerly located at Niagara University.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to acknowledge NOAH's leadership, membership and those they will recognize on October 6, 2016 on its first decade of remarkable achievements and to wish them success and support as their mission of action, empowerment and inclusiveness moves our community forward making our community a better place for all.

HONORING ASSEMBLYWOMAN  
JANET DUPREY ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Assemblywoman Janet Duprey who represents New York's 115th Assembly district who will retire at the end of this year following a distinguished 40 year career in public service.

In 1976, she was the first woman elected to the Clinton County legislature, where she served for 10 years, including 2 years as chairperson. She was elected Clinton County Treasurer in 1986 and held that position until her election to the New York State Assembly in 2006, where she serves today. Throughout her career, she has been a strong advocate for the North Country with a sincere dedication to improving her community and the lives of her constituents.

In addition to her duties as Assemblywoman, Ms. Duprey holds positions

on several boards of directors, including the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center, Hospice, the North Country Chapter of the Red Cross, Pine Harbour Assisted Living and Memory Care Center, and both the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and Clinton Community College. She is also a member of the League of Women Voters, Business & Professional Women, and an Honorary Member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Psi Chapter.

Ms. Duprey is also a strong advocate for children and adults with autism in her community. Each year on her grandson's birthday, she sponsors a resolution honoring Asperger's Syndrome Day in the State Assembly.

In the State Assembly, Ms. Duprey is Conference Secretary of the minority leadership, and serves on both the Rules and Ways and Means Committees. The Assemblywoman also serves on the Correction, Ethics and Guidance, and Higher Education Committees, all of which are important to her district.

Ms. Duprey has earned numerous awards and distinctions for her service and accomplishments, such as the Advocacy and Resource Center Wall of Fame, the Behavioral Health Services North Community Service Award, the Girl Scout Woman of Distinction, the New York State County Finance Official of the Year, and the Clinton County Business and Professional Woman of the Year award.

On this day, I want to take a moment to thank Assemblywoman Janet Duprey for her many years of public service to our district. Janet, congratulations on your retirement, you are a true leader and the North Country thanks you for your commitment to improving our community. Your humility and tireless service will be missed by many.

HONORING ST. DANIEL THE  
PROPHET SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING  
THE 2016 NATIONAL BLUE  
RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Daniel the Prophet School, an exemplary Catholic elementary school in Chicago, Illinois, which is receiving the prestigious U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award.

In 1982, the Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize public and private schools whose students display high or significantly improved achievement. The program's goal is to identify aspects of thriving American schools in order to replicate their success. This year there are 21 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon Schools in the state of Illinois, only 5 of which are private, and I am proud that one of these exceptional schools is located in my district.

The mission of St. Daniel the Prophet School is "to create a faith community, develop moral values and integrity, provide excellent education opportunities, and respect unique educational differences." Founded in 1949, the school offers a rigorous and engaging curriculum. St. Dan's works to help develop students' moral and spiritual values, and

encourages students to improve on their standards of conduct and integrity. I am delighted that the exceptional work of everyone at St. Dan's School has been acknowledged on the national stage. I know that when I have visited the school I have always been greatly impressed by the students, teachers, and administrators. I wish to congratulate Principal Ms. Holly Gross, former Principal Mary Frances Porod, Fr. John Noga, and all the faculty, staff, family members, and parishioners who work together to make St. Dan's a highly successful institution that continues to achieve academic success and enrich the faith of those who are a part of it.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of St. Daniel the Prophet School in Chicago's Garfield Ridge neighborhood. Their pursuit of academic excellence is inspiring, and I hope that their success can be replicated across the nation.

CONGRATULATING BRIANNA  
HALLER OF THE FATIMA COMETS FOR HER FIRST PLACE FINISH IN THE 2016 CLASS 2 GIRLS INDIVIDUAL CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brianna Haller of the Fatima High School Comets for her first place win in the 2016 Missouri Class 2 Girls Individual Cross Country State Championship.

Brianna and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to her school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Brianna Haller of the Fatima Comets for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING GENTEX CORPORATION AS THE COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL COLLEGE'S 2016 SCHOLARSHIP GAME INNOVATION HONOREE

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to recognize Gentex Corporation as The Commonwealth Medical College's 2016 Scholarship Gala Innovation Honoree. Each year The Commonwealth Medical College honors an outstanding individual or group for outstanding innovations in their field. Gentex Corporation's work to provide defense forces, first responders, and industrial personnel with cutting edge solutions exemplifies the pioneering spirit that this award represents.

In the late 19th century, Gentex began operations under the name "Klots Throwing Company," and on the advice of their bookkeeper, Marcus Frieder, chose Carbondale, Pennsylvania as their headquarters to employ the wives and daughters of the region's coal miners. In 1932, Marcus and his son, Leonard